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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I believe that it was a tremendously important and beneficial decision for the Department of Justice to have settled the case against Microsoft. Having spent the past twenty years in the software business, I can attest to the positive impact that Microsoft and other innovative companies have had in contributing to the remarkable productivity gains which helped to generate a robust national economy for many years. Without this leadership and technological advantage, our country would be far less able to succeed in an increasingly competitive global marketplace.

I think that the current settlement is fair to both sides. I was happy to learn that The State of Ohio is ready to settle the case. Further litigation and congressional hearings would benefit no one but Microsoft's competitors. I support the settlement, and hope to see it finalized soon.

Sincerely,

Donald Bogart

President

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